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PIGMENTOSA AND RELEVANT  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Applicants submits herewith information which they believe may be material to examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the information referred to therein is "prior art" to Applicants' invention unless designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the filing of this Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information attached to this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

By this submission, Applicants also do not represent that a search has been made nor that better art does not exist.

In addition, Applicants reserve the right to contend, as appropriate, that any information asserted against any claim(s) of the captioned Application is not “prior art” according to the facts and the law.

Applicants further reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over such information, should any citation listed below be applied against any claim(s) of the captioned Application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner, after considering the information set forth below, independently determine those citations which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

A copy of the following citation is submitted along with PTO Form-1449.

Sahel et al., FR 2 784 898, dated April 28, 2000: is directed to “utilisation du GDNF pour le traitement de la degenerescence retinienne”.

Picaud et al., FR 2 784 030, dated April 7, 2000: is directed to “utilisation de bloqueurs des canaux calciques et/ou CGMP-dependents pour le traitement de pathologies de la retine”.

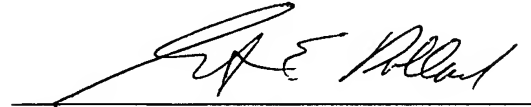
Ling-Hua Zeng et al., “Genetic Study of Retinitis Pigmentosa in China”, *Ophthalmologica*, Vol. 194, No. 1, 1987, pp. 34-39, XP009010425.

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It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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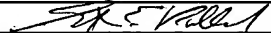
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